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ARTICLE I.—This association shall be called the *Philadelphia Ladies' Peace Society*, and shall be auxiliary to the *American Peace Society*.

ARTICLE II.—It shall be the duty of every member of this society to study the subject of Peace, by reading tracts, and treatises on the subject; to distribute such tracts, and to use her influence generally, in the cause of Peace, in her own family, and wherever Providence may open a door of usefulness.

ARTICLE III.—Every member of this society pledges herself to pay, at least fifty cents a year, for which she shall receive the full amount, in peace publications, when required, and every one who shall pay one dollar, or more shall be entitled to the periodical of the American Peace Society, and every one who shall pay ten dollars, shall be considered a life member, and entitled to all the above privileges.

ARTICLE IV.—All the business of this society shall be conducted by an Executive Committee of seven persons, three of whom shall form a quorum, who shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring among them, add to their numbers, appoint the time and place of all meetings, (excepting the time of the annual meetings,) and appoint, from their own body, all such officers as shall be found necessary.

ARTICLE V.—The annual meeting of the Society shall be on the last Wednesday in May, at which time the Executive Committee shall be chosen, the accounts of the society presented, and at, or near which time, a public address shall be delivered by some gentleman appointed by the committee. There shall also be a meeting of the committee, as often as once a month, at which, measures for forwarding the cause of Peace shall be concerted; and a meeting of the society, as often as once in three months, to pray and converse on the subject of Peace, and to exchange and distribute Peace tracts.

ARTICLE VI.—This constitution may be amended at an annual meeting, provided the committee recommend such amendment and a majority of the society shall vote for it, and provided it does not change the nature of the society.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY OLIVE-BRANCH CIRCLE; *formed January, 1835.*

PREAMBLE.

The tendency to sympathy inherent in the human heart,—the social principle of our nature—beautiful in many forms of its developement—never appears more truly so, than when it is made subservient to the cause of benevolence.

Of the various ways in which this principle has been brought to bear upon this cause, we are presented with the most prominent in the numerous voluntary associations which aim at the reduction of human guilt and suffering. The power to do good and to communicate which we possess in our individual capacities, is feeble, compared with what we may secure by association: the one is as a multitude of tiny rivulets, numbers of which are lost before they reach the sea; while the other is as the union of these rivulets,—a noble and sure tributary.

Holding these sentiments, and believing the practice of War to be essentially pagan in its nature and decidedly opposed to and subversive of the pacific principles inculcated by the *Prince of Peace*—and ever, under all circumstances, the unbarring of the flood gates of vice and suffering in their most abhorrent and appalling forms:—

And feeling that, since woman is necessarily involved in the evils which result from it, she is urged—not merely by motives of religion and humanity—but also by her own danger of suffering, to use her most efficient influence to eradicate from the public mind those false principles upon which it has

hitherto been perpetuated, by aiding in the dissemination of *Truth* on the subject, as it may be drawn, in its most perfect purity, from the Oracles of God:—

We, whose signatures are subjoined, cordially agree to *unite* in exertions to promote the cause of peace—that (although from our comparatively limited moral and pecuniary means we may be enabled to effect but little) we may yet obtain the commendation once bestowed by our Lord;—*She hath done what she could.*

To guide our operations we adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be called the *Essex County Olive-Branch Circle*, and shall be auxiliary to the American Peace Society.

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in sustaining the general peace operations of the day, by placing its funds, either directly or indirectly, in the Treasury of the Parent Society.

ARTICLE III.—It shall be the duty of the members of this Society to use their private influence to extend the cause of Peace—especially by instilling into such minds, as may come under their tuition, a sense of the superior dignity which a spirit of forgiveness possesses over a spirit of retaliation;—and by creating in them a distaste for military parade and glory, by exhibiting the custom of War in its true deformities.

ARTICLE IV.—This society shall consist of those ladies who aided in its formation, and of such others—residents of Essex County—as may hereafter sign this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—Any lady may become a life member of this Society, by contributing the sum of five dollars, at one time, to its funds.

ARTICLE VI.—The gift of life-membership may be conferred upon any lady by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VII.—This Society shall be divided into Wards, consisting of one parish each.

ARTICLE VIII.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and a Counselling Committee of six, who together, shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX.—There shall be, in addition, one President in each ward, chosen by the ladies of the ward, whose duty it shall be to preside at all their meetings; to collect and transmit to the Treasurer their assessments, and to transact all necessary business between them and the board, aided by such other officers as the respective wards may see fit to elect.

ARTICLE X.—This Society shall hold its anniversary meeting on the third Wednesday in April.

ARTICLE XI.—The Recording Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board at the request of two of its members, and a special meeting Society when authorized by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XII.—Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII.—All the officers of this Society shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE XIV.—The Board shall be empowered to fill all vacancies which may occur in their own number previous to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XV.—The Board shall appoint the place of the meetings of the Society, and make the needful arrangements.

ARTICLE XVI.—Each member of this Society shall contribute 50 cents annually to its funds.